



Towing and Recovery Professionals of Connecticut Testimony Bill 7041

Good morning Senator Coleman, Representative Tong, Senator Doyle, Representative Fox and the distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with testimony on House Bill 7041. My name is Lee Telke and I am the Executive Director of the Towing & Recovery Professionals of Connecticut (TRPC). Tim Vibert is with me, he is the President of TRPC. TRPC is composed of nearly 200 towing professionals who are licensed dealers and repairers. We are composed of small businessmen who are trying to improve the quality of life in our state.

Our organization supports Bill 7041 regarding “An Individual’s Ability To Reclaim Personal Possessions From A Repossessed Motor Vehicle”. The towing industry often is in the center of disputes between vehicle owners, insurance companies or the agency that placed the vehicle in our custody. This Bill is clear that the notification to the owner to remove any personal property from the vehicle is the responsibility of the loan contractor and it must be done within 15 days. The tower usually has possession of a repossessed vehicle for less than 24 hours but this Bill will help us when we do have possession and the owner needs to remove their personal property.